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Executive

7 February 1950

Chief, Administrative Staff

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Attached is memorandum dated 30 January 1950 from the Acting Assistant Director for Operations relative to a payment of per diem to [redacted] STATINTL who is currently employed at [redacted] even though he was originally recruited in or around [redacted] This case has been thoroughly examined by myself and discussed with appropriate officials in the organization and the following comments are supplied for use in making a decision in connection with this case. STATINTL STATINTL

1. In memorandum dated 8 July 1948 from the Assistant Director of Operations to the Executive for Administration and Management, no provision was made for travel expenses (per diem) covering foreign nationals recruited in the [redacted] STATINTL for duty in the [redacted] STATINTL A per diem was requested in the project and approved for all American citizens (see Par. 8d and 9h).

2. In memorandum dated 22 July 1948 the Executive gave concurrence to the Assistant Director for Operations, pertaining to the submitted project, to proceed to the Project Review Committee.

3. In paragraph 5 of memorandum to the Project Review Committee, dated 6 August 1948, from the Assistant Director for Operations, an itemization by location was made showing approximate costs involved. In this breakdown, 13 individuals were to be recruited [redacted] STATINTL with the proviso that expenses of transportation of the employee plus transportation of families and household goods would be borne by the Government. No provision was made for payment of travel (per diem) expenses. The Project Review Committee recommended approval as stated and the project was given approval on 10 August 1948 by the Actihg Director of CIA.

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4. It is my considered opinion that the Director has authority, without regard to Public Law 110, to grant authority to waive the [redacted] STATINTL collection assessed against [redacted] However, in view of the steps taken when the project was originally approved, it appears desirable to suggest that the Project Review Committee act upon the administrative desirability of forgiving the per diem payment prior to recommending to the Director that authorization be granted to waive collection proceedings.

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5. In this connection consideration should be given to the morale situation, which may be expected, should it be found by other

STATINTL [redacted] employed at the [redacted] has been permitted to retain per diem erroneously authorized, while they traveled between the exact points and received no remuneration in connection with their subsistence.

6. In relation to the last sentence of paragraph 3 of the attached memorandum, it is desired to advise that it is the Certifying Officer's responsibility to effect collection, in local currency, and to convert the amount to U.S. dollars in the form of a personal check or money order, made payable to the Treasurer of the United States, on all items where collection proceedings are necessary.

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